



MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILE FATALITY SUMMARY

2017 - 2018

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| 1 | 12-17-17 | 1320 | Alger Co. / Shingleton Trail # 8 | Designated trail-Failed to negotiate curve-Impact w/ tree | 34/M | | MD | | Pending |
| Victim was operating on a groomed trail and struck a partially exposed log, lost control, exited the trail and impacted trees sustaining fatal injuries. | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 12-27-17 | 1245 | Luce Co. / Trail # 9 | Designated trail-struck log, lost control, impact w/ tree | 46/M | No | Harrison, MI | No | Final |
| Victim was operating on a groomed trail and struck a partially exposed log, lost control, exited the trail and impacted trees sustaining fatal injuries. | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 12-28-17 | 0121 | Muskegon Co. / Musketawa Trail | Operating on L side of trail-Impact w/ bridge guardrail | 40/M | Confirmed | Dalton Township, MI | No | Final |
| Victim was operating on the groomed trail and was attempting to cross the bridge over the Black Creek. The victim struck the wooden guard post and was ejected from the snowmobile and the bridge sustaining fatal injuries. | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 12-29-17 | 1124 | Gogebic Co. / near Powderhorn Rd. | County Road R.O.W. – Struck by another snowmobile | 51/F | No | Hudson, WI | Unknown | Final |
| Victim was operating within the road-rite-way attempting to ride up an embankment in attempt to cross a culvert. The victim tipped the snowmobile into a stream and stood up waving her arms to warn her oncoming riding companions. The victim's daughter approached and accelerated jumping the snowmobile off the culvert and onto the victim. | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 12-30-17 | 1258 | Gogebic Co. / US 2 | US Highway-Struck by motor vehicle | 52/M | No | Evansville, WI | Unknown | Final |
| After stopping at the intersections stop sign, the victim proceeded across US 2. Due to poor visibility, the victim did not see an approaching pick-up truck which then struck the victim. | | | | | | | | | |



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| 6 | 1-10-18 | 1400 | Houghton Co. / Trail # 8/15 | Designated Trail-Failed to negotiate curve-impact w/ tree | 41/M | Confirmed | Curtis, WI | Unknown | Final |
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The investigation revealed the victim was travelling at a high rate of speed, failed to negotiate a slight left curve in the trail and had impact with a tree sustaining fatal injuries.

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| 7 | 1-14-18 | 0656 | Kalkaska Co. / Manistee Lk. | Lake embankment-Launched, ejected, impact w/ tree | 52/M | Confirmed | St. Johns, MI | No | Final |
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The victim was operating on Manistee Lk. and failed to slow or turn upon reaching the shoreline impacting a tree.

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| 8 | 1-16-18 | 1230 | Chippewa Co. / Trail # 8 | Designated Trail-failed to negotiate curve, impact w/ tree | 51/M | | MI | | Pending |
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| 9 | 1-17-18 | 1435 | Keweenaw Co. / Trail # 134 | Designated Trail- failed to negotiate curve, impact w/ tree | 27/F | Unknown | Sheboygan, WI | Unknown | Final |
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The victim was operating on a groomed trail failing to negotiate a curve, leaving the trail and impacting trees.

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| 10 | 1-26-18 | 1850 | Otsego Co. / Little Bear Lake | Lake – Failed to negotiate turn, impact with trees | 43 / M | Suspected | Flushing, MI | Unknown | Final |
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Victim was driving on ice, tried to turn while approaching shore, veered off the frozen lake and struck numerous trees.

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| 11 | 2-1-18 | 1045 | Chippewa Co. / Trail # 8 | Designated Trail-Struck by snowmobile | 49/F | No | Portland, MI | Unknown | Final |
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Victim lost control of snowmobile and was ejected. Victim was then struck by another snowmobile traveling on the trail.



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| 12 | 2-3-18 | 0137 | Berrien Co. / County Roadway | Carmody Rd.-Ejected suffered head injury | 43/F | Confirmed | Owosso, MI | No | Final |
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Traveling at a high rate of speed, the snowmobile struck a pile debris and ejected both the driver and passenger. Victim sustained fatal head injuries.

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| 13 | 2-9-18 | 2339 | Otsego Co. / Trail # 7 | Designated Trail – Rolled snowmobile and impact with trees | 57/M | Confirmed | Flushing, MI | Unknown | Final |
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The victim was operating on the Designated Trail, left the trail colliding with trees causing fatal injuries.

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| 14 | 2-26-18 | | Chippewa Co. / Trail # 8 | Designated Trail – Impact with Cross Country Ski Trail groomer | 65/M | | Paradise, MI | | Pending |
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| 15 | 3-8-18 | 1234 | Keweenaw Co. / Trail # 3 | Designated Trail – Rolled snowmobile | 58/M | No | Franklin, WI | No | Final |
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The victim was operating on the Designated Trail, lost control rolling the snowmobile and sustained fatal injuries.